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In re application of: Daniel S. Sem

Serial No.: 09/765,696

Filed: January 19, 2001

For: MULTI-PARTITE LIGANDS

AND METHODS OF

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Group Art Unit: 1627

Examiner: M. Garcia

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Sir:

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Applicant hereby petitions to expedite this application by making it special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102, thereby advancing examination of the application out of turn.

Applicant claims special status for this application because it relates to biotechnology and was filed by a small entity.

- (A) Small entity status has been established. A copy of the Small Entity Statement filed on July 31, 1998, in parent application serial No. 09/083,537 is attached as Exhibit A.
- (B) The subject of the application represents a significant portion of the applicant's intellectual property

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portfolio and on-going licensing strategy, and is therefore a major asset of the applicant.

(C) The development of the field of drug discovery will be significantly impaired if examination of the application is delayed. Unlike previous methods for making libraries of compounds as potential drug candidates, which can be time consuming and require very large libraries to identify a ligand as a potential drug candidate, the method of the invention enables researchers to rapidly identify ligands that bind to receptors or enzymes of interest and to generate libraries of drug candidates that are optimized for binding to a family of receptors or enzymes. Thus, expediting examination of this application will speed the drug discovery process.

A petition fee of \$130 is being filed herewith, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-0370 for any fee associated with this Petition. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

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Please direct any questions to the undersigned agent or Cathryn Campbell.

Respectfully submitted,

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